

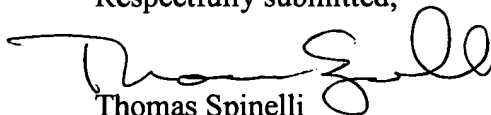
REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

In the Notice To File Corrected Application papers, the Patent Office objects to the Abstract because it exceeds 150 words. In response, the original Abstract has been deleted and a new Abstract has been substituted therefore. Applicants respectfully submit that the new Abstract meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b) and § 1.121. The new Abstract is also attached on a separate sheet for the convenience of the Examiner.

In view of the above, early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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